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The Big Boy statue, bruised but whole, was returned to its resting spot on Ford Road Saturday afternoon. Photo by Jeff Novak

'Ham-burgled' Teens return 'wounded' icon

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

A 65-year-old American icon was kidnapped from his post outside the Big Boy Restaurant on Ford Road.

Canton Township Police investigators believe pranksters swiped the Big Boy statue early Friday morning.

They followed up on calls they received about the kidnapped statue leading them to four 17-year-old students, according to Sgt. Todd Mutchler of the Canton Police. All four suspects, three Canton residents and teen from Plymouth, confessed to the crime.

The following day, after being questioned, one of the suspects drove the detectives to an isolated field in Salem Township. There, the Big Boy was found and later returned to the restaurant.

The statue did sustain damage to the head and is still missing his hamburger, according to police.

Tony Matar, with wife Rana, are owners of the Big Boy Restaurant. They said they are surprised that something like this would happen in Canton, especially being the community in which they live and work.

"First, I was very frustrated and upset," said Rana Matar,

"Now, I'm just glad he's back."

The missing statue went unnoticed at first by the opening manager on Friday morning, according to Tony Matar.

"No one knew until the customers coming in started asking where he (Big Boy) was," he said. "My manager called me at home and told me that Big Boy was gone. The only thing I could do was laugh and ask, 'Where did he go?'"

Despite the seriousness the crime presents, the Matars look at the situation in a positive manner.

"We have to make the best of the situation or it gets worse," said Rana Matar.

With the statue back in front of the restaurant, the Matars laughed about the incident as they wrapped bandages around the head of the injured icon.

Police suspect that the theft was only a prank. The Matars understand that the students were going to use the statue in a skit or musical number for school.

"All they had to do is ask for it," said Tony Matar. "We would have let them use it. We would have been honored."

The students are expected to replace the \$3,500 statue or they will be prosecuted, said Mutchler.

Toxic waste injection well plan dealt blow by state

If Sunoco prevails, so do the best interests of the residents of Romulus, or so claim city officials.

Last week, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) dealt a blow to plans for toxic disposal injection wells in Romulus. The state authority granted a permit to Sunoco to begin brine extraction at wells near the site of the 4,500-foot deep wells drilled last year by Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS).

Officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said during previous public hearing on the matter that the injection wells would not be approved if the nearby Sunoco project were given permission to proceed.

With the state approval of the Sunoco plan, the \$15 million investment of Birmingham-based EDS could be seriously threatened. The company has already sunk the wells off I-94 between Inkster and Middlebelt roads

and was awaiting permission from the federal agency to begin pumping liquid toxic waste into the ground.

Both Sunoco and EDS want to use a geologic formation about 4,000 feet beneath the surface of the earth. Sunoco wants to extract brine from the formation and EDS wants to use the depth to dispose of toxins.

The state agency confirmed that EDS has already filed a court motion to prevent the Sunoco plan, and overturn or prevent DEQ approval.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert considers the state approval for Sunoco a good thing for his city and the residents.

"Will the EPA hold true to what they said? I hope so,"

It doesn't mean the well isn't coming, but it is an encouraging sign.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert

Lambert said. "I think this is a good sign.

"It doesn't mean the well isn't coming, but it is an encouraging sign," Lambert said.

The Sunoco plan allows the company to extract brine from wells the oil company plans to dig near the EDS site. When operational, the EDS wells would be injected with 7.27 million gallons of toxins each month into the same geological formation from which Sunoco plans to pump brine. Sunoco stores liquid gases in deep, underground caverns that straddle the Taylor-Romulus border. The brine is used to fill the empty space left in the caverns when the gases

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Mayor reports city-wide growth

Some of the best upscale shopping in the state may soon be in...Romulus?

Exactly, said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert, who confirmed that the city is one of several sites being considered for a new shopping mall by a major developer.

Lambert was among several city officials who traveled to Columbus, Ohio last week to view a mall constructed by the Glimcher Corp. The company has built more than 300 malls around the country, Lambert said.

"This is truly a great thing for the city—a great opportunity," Lambert said. He added that the mall in question would be similar to the Somerset Collection in Troy and feature upscale stores and specialty stores.

"The inclusion of the upscale specialty stores widens the market area ring," Lambert said. "Instead of the usual limits for shoppers, this takes the ring out

20 to 30 miles because people will travel for this type of store," the mayor said.

Lambert said the mall that city officials visited was "just beautiful" and would be a coup for the city. If plans are finalized for the development and negotiations successful, the mall would be located at I-94 and Vining Road on a 200-acre site.

"In addition to the shopping and the development, we're looking at the jobs this could provide for the city," Lambert said.

Lambert noted that this is not the only proposed development for the city.

"We have the proposed race track which I understand is moving forward with plans and we are one of four possible sites for a new casino in addition to some major commercial development," Lambert said.

Lambert noted that the city administration has been actively

marketing the community and attempting to convince developers, both commercial and residential, of the value of Romulus.

"With this shopping mall, you'd have thought it was our property the way we were marketing it. But this would be such a benefit to our city—we take this seriously," Lambert said.

Residential development is also booming in Romulus, Lambert noted. He said there are five new subdivisions which offer homes in the \$199-\$230,000 range and there are homes being built in the \$250 to \$300,000 price bracket.

"And there are more coming," Lambert said.

"Part of it is that it's built up everywhere else. We still have some open land," Lambert said.

"We're really growing and we have a lot of things in the works that we hope happen," he concluded.

3 valedictorians named at high school

As the graduates of Romulus High School cross the stage to receive their diplomas Saturday, they will be among a unique group.

They are among the few classes to have three valedictorians.

Each of the graduating seniors

named to the scholastic honor maintained a better than perfect grade point average and excelled during their high school careers, according to Dick Kruse of the Romulus School District.

The choice of three valedictorians is unusual. Most graduat-

ing classes have one student who excels and earns the honor of addressing the class at the graduation ceremonies. To have three is quite exceptional, according to Kruse.

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Sumpter Township trustees manage without supervisor

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Steve Kunselman said it's business as usual at the Sumpter Township offices—even without a supervisor.

Kunselman, the township administrator, said things are operating smoothly in the community. He said the township board of trustees is in charge until the supervisor's position is filled at the June 24 election. A quorum still exists on the board despite the absence of a supervisor, he said.

"Who's in charge is the board. There is still a quorum," Kunselman said. "We are all responsible to the board, but I am the chief administrative officer who is ultimately responsible for

Local government has a larger responsibility than the private sector in dealing with these demands.

Steve Kunselman

the departments and their operations."

Kunselman said a quorum exists when four out of seven members of the board are present. The board consists of the township supervisor, clerk, treasurer and the four trustees, he said.

Trustee Linton Macklin has been absent from board meetings for more than a year, and Trustee Clifford Hill has resigned,

according to Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst.

Board members announced at the May 13 meeting that they are accepting applications for a temporary replacement for Macklin. Hurst said there have been applicants for the position, and some may be considered to replace Hill. The board is expected to announce Hill's resignation at the June 10 meeting.

Kunselman said the township must concentrate on core services, such as the police, water and building departments, to make sure the departments adhere to their jurisdictional responsibilities to serve in the best interests of the community.

He said the township government must serve the people in all circumstances, whether it be dur-

ing political unrest, natural disasters or a crisis.

"Local government has a larger responsibility than the private sector in dealing with these demands," Kunselman said.

Sumpter is a general law township as opposed to a charter township, according to Kunselman. He said the difference can be seen in the way officials are elected.

"The elected officials are not required to have credentials other than their ability to obtain the popular vote of the people," Kunselman said. "Politicians are to be policy makers. The word 'politician' is a derivative of the word 'policy.' It does not imply manage or administrate. It implies policy."

Kunselman said the policy

makers always have to make the tough decisions, some of which can always be unpopular. But many of the unpopular decisions are based on laws and regulations that the township does not have the authority to change, he said. It is up to township employees to adhere to the laws and implement policies, Kunselman said.

Kunselman, who has worked for the township for 11 years, said people who work in local government do so out of a desire to work in public service.

"I have very little authority to spend money, hire, fire or set policy," Kunselman said. "I am primarily a recommending individual providing information to the policy makers from which they can make informed, and hopefully legal, policy decisions."

Antique tractor and motor show planned for Belleville

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Those who enjoy old-fashioned country fun and antiques are in for a treat.

An antique tractor and engine show is planned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 21 in the parking lot of the Davenport Industrial Park in Belleville. The event is hosted by the Southeast Michigan Antique Tractor and Engine Club and

McCoy's Grill and Ice Cream Parlor.

Jim McCoy of McCoy's Grill said a DJ will provide entertainment at the event. Activities for the whole family are planned, including hula hoops, bobbing for apples, pie eating and pig calling, he said. Square dancing and quilt vendors will also add to the fun, McCoy said.

McCoy said he is looking for businesses to sponsor the event. For \$50, businesses will have their name announced

once each hour as a sponsor of the show. For \$100, McCoy will announce the company name, as well as present a trophy in the sponsor's name. For \$150, the company will receive all of the above, as

well as be announced as a major sponsor of the entertainment.

To become a sponsor or for more information, call McCoy at (734) 699-3258.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the School District will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

NOTICE is given that at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 9, 2003, there shall be an election of two (2) members to the Board of Education of the District for full terms of 4 years, ending June 30, 2007. The following persons have been nominated to fill the two 4-year term vacancies:

Robert P. Coutts

Martha W. Toth

NOTICE is further given that any person intending to run as a write-in candidate at the Annual Election must file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official in the School District on or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2003. The Declaration of Intent may be obtained from and filed with the office of the Superintendent, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan. The Board of Election Inspectors shall not count a write-in vote for any person unless that person has filed the Declaration of Intent.

All school electors registered with the City or Township Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

The Polls of Election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and close at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Places of Voting will be:

Precinct 1	Belleville High School (Auditorium Lobby) 501 W. Columbia Avenue Belleville, MI 48111	Precinct 4	Elwell Elementary School 17601 Elwell Road Belleville, MI 48111
Precinct 2	North Middle School 47097 McBride Belleville, MI 48111	Precinct 5	Haggerty Elementary School 13770 Haggerty Road Belleville, MI 48111
Precinct 3	Rawsonville Elementary School 3110 Grove Road Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Precinct 6	Tyler Elementary 42200 Tyler Road Belleville, MI 48111

All school electors registered with the City or Township clerk of the City or Township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw.

Ralph A. Nodwell, Secretary
Board of Education
Van Buren Public Schools

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual School Election will be held in the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Monday, June 9, 2003 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Standard Time.

The following vacancies for members of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

ONE (1) FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

Each person voting on the above must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America.
- (b) A registered elector of the Romulus Community School District.
- (c) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

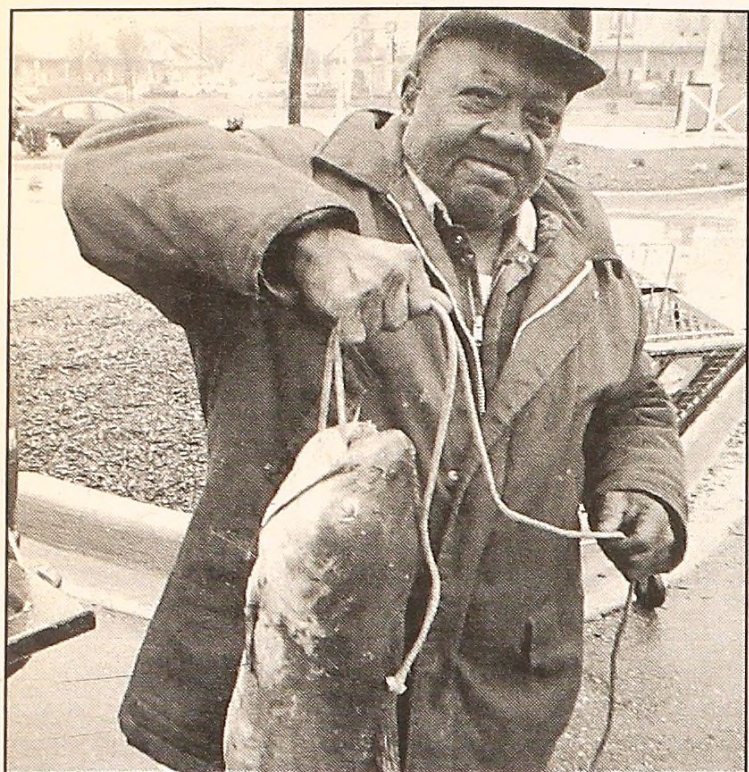
The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
11	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
12	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan
13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
14	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
15	Fire Station 92, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
16	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
17	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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June 5, 2003



A lunker at last

After 19 years, John Henry Hyde's "secret" fishing spot near Rawsonville Road is in danger. Plans to build a boat launch there will bring more boaters and anglers to that section of the Huron River, crowding out the 65-year-old fisherman from Romulus. But before he packed up the tackle recently, the piscatorial powers that be sent him a going away present: light rains to dimple the river water just like flies do. The result was a fish feeding frenzy that kept Hyde busy hooking 10 fish, including this 50-pound catfish, one of the largest Hyde has ever caught. "People told me to stuff and mount it," he said. "But with a fish like this, you smoke it, and that's what I'm going to do."

Students- 3 honored for studies

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Honored with the valedictorian title were Leslie Perez, Robert Rice, Jr. and Hilary Kozma.

Perez had a four-year grade point average of 4.0767 and will be in the Honors Program studying genetic engineering at Purdue University. She has received \$13,000 in University Valedictorian and Academic Scholarships from Purdue and a State of Michigan \$2,500 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scholarship to aid in her college studies.

She was a member of both the Symphonic and Marching bands, the Student Leadership Council and was active in several community service organizations.

In addition, Perez has also received the Romulus High School Science Department Award, a Society of Women Engineers Award and Women in the Science Learning Community Award.

She is the daughter of Manuel and Rosemary Perez.

Rice maintained a four-year academic average of 4.023 and will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He plans to initially attend the School of Literature, Arts and Sciences and intends to enter the School of Business Administration after his first two years of study at the university.

Rice was a member of the baseball, soccer, FIRST Robotics and Quiz Bowl teams as well as a member of the National Honor Society, the Chess Club, the Principal's Advisory Board and the school tutorial program. He was recognized with the Romulus High School Mathematics, social Studies and Physics Department awards.

He too, was awarded a state MEAP \$2,500 scholarship and he also received a \$500 Ray Kroc Youth Achievement Award.

He is the son of Robert and Kathy Rice.

Kozma had a four-year academic average of 4.0228. She will be attending the Honors Program at Lake Superior State College and plans to study history. Her goal is to enter law school. She has received a four-year \$24,000 University Board of Trustees Distinguished Scholar Award and says she is looking forward to her college studies.

Kozma was a member of the tennis, soccer and Quiz Bowl teams and active in the National Honor Society, the community Service Learning Club and was on the class council. She was also awarded a \$500 Athletic booster Award and a \$2,500 MEAP Scholarship.

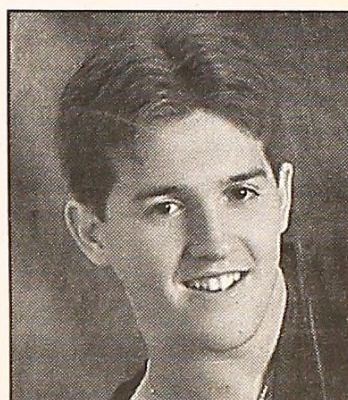
She is the daughter of Stephen and Mary Kozma.



Hilary Kozma



Leslie Perez



Robert Rice, Jr.

Wells - Mayor is hopeful

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are pumped out.

"We would have a concern if both operations were in effect. It would be a concern if (Sunoco) would begin to extract some of that hazardous waste that had been injected," said Harold Fitch of the DEQ.

Phillipa Cannon of the EPA said that the agency is aware of the approval of the Sunoco permit, "and we will evaluate the change this makes in the EDS application."

Opponents of the EDS wells have been protesting the plan in Romulus for nearly a decade. The group, called RECAP, has been vocal in protesting the plan citing environmental concerns and safety of local residents.

Spokesmen from EDS have repeatedly cited safety evaluations and studies that show no danger and no impact on the environment or health of nearby residents.

Opponents, however, claim

that wells of this type precipitated earthquakes in Ohio and that toxins leaked from the wells and caused birth defects in Texas. EDS denies those claims.

State Sen. Ray Basham, D-Taylor, was also optimistic about the fate of the injection wells in light of the state decision.

"We're not home yet, but it's a huge bump we got over. It's good news," Basham said. "The EPA said they can't co-exist. If Sunoco gets their permit, it's starting to turn the lights off for EDS," Basham said.

Lambert, however, expects EDS to continue to battle.

"They've invested \$15 or \$20 million," he said. "They aren't going to walk away. I don't understand, however, how they can file for an injunction or whatever it was against the state."

"I'm sure, too, that the state took great consideration and made sure that this decision was in order," Lambert said.

"I feel good about it, I really do," he concluded.

Shooting disturbs quiet complex

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Residents of the Hamlin Place Apartments stood shocked and saddened when gunshots rang out in their quiet complex during the early morning hours Saturday.

According to Inkster Police, several residents called 911 to report that an unnamed number of shooters opened fire on Marlon Harrington, 29, and an unidentified, 29-year-old woman at about 12:25 a.m. The shooting left Harrington dead and his girlfriend critically injured.

Hamlin Place Apartments are located on the 2600 block of Hamlin Road. According to Inkster Det. Anthony Delgreco, police officers who arrived on the scene found Harrington dead from 14 gunshot wounds and the woman shot multiple times.

Delgreco added that shootings

could be drug-related, and that the female victim's identity is being withheld by police pending the completion of the investigation. She was transported at the scene and is undergoing treatment at area hospital.

For Mike Hopkins, who spends a lot of time with his girlfriend at the five-building complex, the shooting came a complete surprise.

"Shocked is more like it," he said. "There's a lot of young people in here; some elderly people and some families," he said. "But I think most people just think it's an isolated incident. He added that he seldom if ever sees any suspicious activity."

But for resident Suzette Bell, the shootings are more personal because her daughter is the mother of two of Harrington's six children.

"Even though things didn't

work out between my daughter and him," she said, "I still cared for him very much. He was going to school to be a truck driver. Nobody is perfect; he was a nice person. He was still the father of my grandchildren."

Police said in statement that witnesses saw suspects run from the apartments in the southeast direction and east on the railroad tracks.

Anyone with information regarding the shootings should contact Delgreco (313) 563-9856. To leave an anonymous tip, call (313) 277-4118 or 1 (800) SPEAK-UP.

Bell said a memorial service would be at the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster, but that arrangements are incomplete.

"He (Harrington) was a life-long Inkster resident," Bell said. "It's just a terrible tragedy. He was too young, and he was loved by many."

Honored as one of the multi-year employers in the School to Work Program recently was the City of Romulus. City guests at the event included, first row, from left, Cyndi Lyons from the planning department, Maria Lambert, the downtown development director, Julie Wojtylko, also with the planning department and co-op student Lauren Block. In the second row are co-op student Erica Ochs, Recreation Department Director Herb Buckley and City Clerk Linda Choate.



School to Work program business supporters honored

Sixty five area businesses and their student co-op employees were honored during the 33rd annual School to Work Appreciation Breakfast organized by the Romulus school district recently.

The breakfast, in the Romulus Senior High School cafeteria, is organized every year to thank the businesses participating in the program which places students in

jobs in the community.

Boyd White, an admissions counselor at the University of Michigan was the keynote speaker at the event and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Marilyn Hidenfelter, coordinator of the program, honored three employers, GKN-Sinter Metals, Birlcar Electronics and the City of Romulus for their years of commitment to the program.

Students leave legacy with high school club

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Seniors graduating from Belleville High School this year have left a legacy for underclassmen.

After months of fundraising and building community awareness, the Technology Education and Community Service Club (TEC) will continue to provide taped broadcasts of school board meetings, as well as archive the countless plays, concerts and other school events of the district. The club was forced to reduce services this year when the aging video equipment became too expensive to repair, according to TEC sponsor and media teacher Steve Wilson.

The Van Buren Public School Board of Education announced May 19 it would provide \$12,000 to the program to help replace obsolete equipment. Club members have collected \$5,000 to date by selling coffee, t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats. The Visteon Corp. contributed \$8,000, and Belleville High School allocated \$2,000 for the program. And an anonymous corporate source has given \$30,000, Wilson said.

Wilson said the money will be used to buy three studio cameras and tripods, as well as a video switcher that aids in editing videotape.

"The neat thing about these cameras is they are higher quality than what we had before and good for low-light situations, which are often present at the auditorium events we cover," Wilson said.

Club members will continue efforts to generate funds during the summer and into the fall to purchase 12 computers for the classroom that will be used to teach video, graphic and sound editing, he said. It is important for students to learn editing

"I wanted the kids to be a part of making this happen and they were. They haven't let me down yet."

Steve Wilson

skills if they are going to pursue the video production field in college, he added.

One goal of the TEC club is to preserve the archive of videotapes dating back 20 years of various school events and board meetings, Wilson said. He said he hopes to one day have enough money to purchase a large computer where students can transfer the videos onto DVDs.

"Once these videotapes are gone, they're gone forever," Wilson said. "Now if we get the money we can preserve them."

School board member Martha Toth said she was glad the district was able to provide funding for the program.

We hope their fundraising efforts continue to do well," Toth said. "Everybody knows the value they contribute to the community."

Wilson said his senior class students made the decision to attempt to generate funds for the program and were responsible for approaching Visteon for help. He said 10 of the 20 graduating seniors in the program this year are going on to pursue media production in college. They wanted to see the program continue instead of fade away, he said.

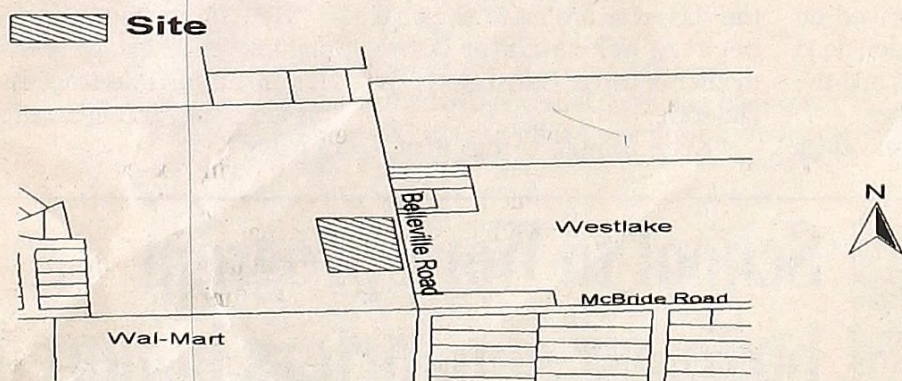
"The seniors feel they left the program in better shape than when they found it," Wilson said. "I wanted the kids to be a part of making this happen and they were. They haven't let me down yet."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V-125-83-061-99-0005-713. This property is located on the west side of Belleville Road within the Wal-mart Outlet. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a drive-through window per Section 13.03 (e) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., June 17, 2003, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Romulus Housing Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 16, 2003, the City of Romulus will authorize the Romulus Housing Commission to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of FY 2001, 2002 and 2003 Capital Fund Program (CFP) funds under Title I of the Public Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake projects CFP 2001, 2002 and 2003 for the purpose of performing minor rehabilitation, general property improvements. In addition, the funding can be used for consulting and other service fees.

The following activities are proposed under CFP 2001: Staff & Commissioner training (2,200); Security Program (40,000); Auditing fees (1,800); A&E fees and cost (18,000); Water heaters, Ranges and refrigerators (6,000); Relocation Costs (4,000); Contingency (3,798); Landscaping and Tree Trimming (33,500); Kitchen & hall fluorescents (4,000) basement stair enclosures (13,900); Bathtub drain gasket Replacement (19,193); 5-year painting cycle (39,900); Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors (12,000). The total CFP Grant being requested is \$199,491.00. The aforementioned activities will occur at the 101 public housing units operated by the Romulus Housing Commission.

The following activities are proposed under CFP 2002: Staff & Commissioner training (3000); Security Program (40,000); Administration (5,000); A&E fees and costs (20,000); (Rear porch refuge fences (10,869); Concrete walks and driveways (15,000); Paint 25 dwelling unit Interiors (67,500); New mail boxes and posts (8,000); Accordion closet doors (19,700). The total CFP Grant being requested is \$189,069.00. The aforementioned activities will occur at the 101 public housing units operated by the Romulus Housing Commission.

The following activities are proposed under CFP 2003: Staff & Commissioner training (3000); Security Program (40,000); Administration (3,000); A&E fees and costs (20,000); Fence and mowing strip (10,000); Paint 25 dwelling unit interiors (67,500); Accordion closet doors (46,500). The aforementioned activities will occur at the 101 public housing units operated by the Romulus Housing Commission. The CPF Grant being requested is \$189,069.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Romulus has determined that the project will have -no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) can be examined at the Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to be examined or copied.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Romulus 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. All comments received by June 10, 2003 will be considered by the City of Romulus prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Romulus certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Mayor Alan Lambert in his capacity as mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department of Housing and Urban Development acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities and — under NEPA and allow the Romulus Housing Commission to use the Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO-RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Romulus certifications for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following basis; (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer of the City of Romulus; (b) The City of Romulus has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) The grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before an approval of a release of funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (4) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objection must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures. (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Grant Administration Office, Office of Public Housing, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alan Lambert, Mayor
City of Romulus

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OPINION

Politics is no place for the fainthearted

Virtually by definition, elections are designed to separate those who want to serve in public office from those the public wants to see serve in office.

This year, however, the elections may also provide us with a different distinction. They may help us define the very character of those who are willing to get involved, whether or not they eventually win an elected seat.

This may be most true in the City of Wayne, where the deadline to file for one of three city council seats or for the mayoral post is a mere 10 days away – and the deadline to withdraw is only three days later.

Not that Wayne is, on the surface, any different than other municipalities. Officials are grappling with the same kinds of budget cuts as every other non-growing community in the wake of cuts to state shared revenue. City officials were forced to make widespread cuts this year, and they're already planning for an even tougher budget year next year. That would most likely mean the parks and recreation department, which has the second largest budget in the municipality, will unfortunately represent a large target.

What that translates to for candidates and potential candidates is ultimately a lot of tough and potentially thankless work. Difficult decisions that deal directly with quality of life issues; decisions that seemingly contradict the direction of the council during recent years, which is characterized by their goal to build the best parks and recreation department in the state and their reluctance to commit to whole scale slashes there.

It's not a job for the fainthearted or the thin-skinned.

There are plenty of people who have been critical of the city administration and the council and they have every right to be. It is our job as concerned citizens to ask questions of our leaders and bring up matters that concern us, no matter how trivial they may seem to others. It's one of the duties inherent in the citizens of the greatest democracy on Earth.

It's easy to be critical, though, and shout questions from the sidelines. It takes more courage to join the race even with the knowledge that this unpaid position may bring more headaches than happiness. The next few weeks will be important ones for those still deciding whether to serve the community during a difficult time or sit back and shake their heads at those who decided to rise to the challenge. And the clock is ticking.

Grading the candidates

At a time when most school districts officials are concerned about their bottom line, it's comforting to know that there are so many qualified people willing to run for school board.

That's certainly the case in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and in the Northville Public School District. Each district has four candidates seeking two seats.

The flip side of the equation, however, is that it makes for a tough choice for voters, who will go to the polls on Monday. In each case, the editorial board of *The Journal* weighed the qualifications of the candidates, from their professional experience to their previous work with the district to their overall character and personality in an attempt to endorse the pair we think would best serve each of those communities.

Plymouth-Canton

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District may face the

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Maybe a 'doggone' good idea

I crouched in the soft grass in the City of Northville, camera raised to my eye, poised to capture the action at just the right moment.

I felt a bit like a wild life photographer as I followed the antics of several frisky canines as they frolicked through the taller grass, visited trees and chased each other in cheerful games of tag.

How do those guys do it? I wondered as I caught the tail end of subject or another dashed toward me, through the focal point, and sat me back on my haunches with an affectionate bump.

As I got back into position it occurred to me: I had been at the opening day of the Northville Dog Park for about 20 minutes, and had yet to hear so much as a bark.

There were about a dozen dogs frolicking in the field behind the senior center, the small green patch of land designated as a temporary test site for an "off leash recreation area." (You can call it that, you can call it a dog park, just don't call it a bark park.) They lined up when a new dog came into the area. They sniffed and licked. They ran, they panted, they jumped and cavorted but they didn't fight.

Imagine that, I thought.

One visitor had a theory about it. He said the dogs are only protective and aggressive when they're on their leashes; it's what they're supposed to be. When they're allowed to run free, he said,

they're just a bunch of social beasts.

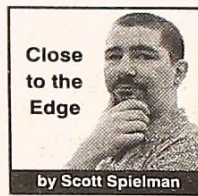
As I watched them Sunday afternoon in the surprisingly warm sunshine, I started to believe it. I think, if that first day is any indicator of how successful the park will be, the dog park may make a believer out of me yet.

I had been skeptical, and I remain a little so. A part of me still doesn't see the point of it. After all, the dog park is only slightly larger than a typical yard in Northville (if that). Why not just let your dog run free there?

The dog park seemed at first to be a magnet for the types of things neighbors didn't want to see there: loud dogs, heavy smells, etc. A short visit was nearly enough to convince me that it didn't have to be that way. And besides, it was pretty funny watching a pocket sized furball playing with a pony-sized Great Dane.

It's just a temporary location for the dog park, and supporters may still have some obstacles to overcome before they convince officials that a permanent one is necessary. They have to find land, for one thing, and make sure the program can fund itself and that dogs and their owners can clean up after themselves.

But sitting in a sunny park on a Sunday afternoon, it suddenly didn't seem that farfetched.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Bad news is in worse taste

It's been a mystery and one I didn't understand until recently. I never used to be queasy about these things, but in the last couple of years that's changed. This all came to mind because of a recent phone conversation I had with a young woman.

We were to meet in the afternoon for coffee so I could give her some promotion posters for a speech I would be giving at her place of business. She didn't show. When I called to see where she was, she became upset and told me she had written the appointment on her calendar for the next day.

No problem, I said, then remembered that she had mentioned she had dinner plans for that evening. Thinking if they were nearby I could leave the posters there, I mentioned this to her.

"I canceled the dinner," she said, "it's my time of the month and my stomach feels like it's going to explode."

"Ugh, thanks for sharing," I mumbled.

"Well, it's nothing—"

"It's more information than I need," I said.

She laughed, l-a-u-g-h-e-d at my uneasiness. That got me thinking that it's probably the evening news that's turned my long-time open and liberal acceptance of certain unmentionables, well queasy.

That's it! I've become more sensitive instead of

desensitized. It really bothers me when, a couple of years ago, they started advertising Kotex, then mini-pads, then Tampax. It makes me cringe when, during the evening news, a time many people eat dinner, we're getting blasted with medicine for vaginal dryness, hemorrhoids, constipation and, blaring at us with the theme song "Are you ready," erectile dysfunction.

Jeez, it used to be if a guy was having a problem rising to the occasion the last thing he'd want is to be on TV at dinnertime.

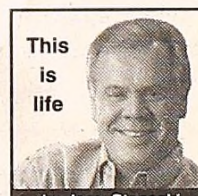
As a society, it seems we're becoming more and more desensitized to private matters, and that's sad.

Personally, I don't want the image of a beautiful woman tainted by knowing she's looking for solutions for her hemorrhoids, or she's constipated, or is "free again" because she's found the answer to vaginal dryness.

Gimmee a break.

I'm pretty sure women feel the same way. It's hard to look at a hottie stud-muffin with a firm butt, when he's talking about jock itch.

I still feel sorry for Kevin, that little kid at the cir-



This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

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LETTERS

Politics blamed for loss of interim police chief

To the editor;

People in the know were quite aware that Inkster's (Police) Chief Terry Colwell would retire soon.

The resignation of Deputy Chief (Philip) Ludos came as a surprise to many, but others knew it was coming.

There is no question that Ludos was a good administrator and put together some good potential for Inkster's Police Department. His mistake was his lack of understanding of the political machine in the City of Inkster.

Several high-level Inkster officers who recently retired were not happy with

Ludos. Complicating matters further, these officers are citizens and residents of the city. They have political clout and a high standing in the community.

Instead of making these officers stepping stones, Ludos allowed them to become stumbling blocks, a fatal mistake in a city like Inkster.

Ludos' failure to create allies in the right place cost him. And the city loses what might have been a good asset to the police department and to the city.

I wish him the best of luck wherever he goes, but I hope he has learned a valuable lesson.

Michael A. Canty,
Inkster

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Schools

FROM PAGE 5

toughest budget challenges of any in western Wayne County. An upscale community that prides itself on the school system, it may be forced to look at a budget shortfall of \$6 million next year. Here incumbent Mark Slavens and long-time former board member Roland Thomas square off against newcomers Roy McCutcheon and Richard Ham-Kucharski.

We like a combination of experience and new blood in this race, specifically Slavens and McCutcheon.

Slavens has long talked about the inequities in school funding and claims to be the person who put the issue on the map. We're not so sure about that and we'd be a little more comfortable if he acknowledged that Proposal A has helped bridge the gap between school funding.

Still, Slavens has been a good advocate for the district, even as he ran for the office of state representative last year. His higher political goals could make him even more effective during the coming term.

McCutcheon is a person who will not take the information handed out by the administration for granted. He's a person that will question everything, which will lead to more debate and ultimately better, more informed opinions. He doesn't have the long history with the district that Thomas does or even history of activism that Ham-Kucharski has shown since he was defeated in previous school board elections. We like the fact that he may be the squeaky wheel on the board and we

think he will turn into an effective advocate for Plymouth-Canton children.

In Northville, the situation is slightly different in that no incumbents are seeking the two empty posts. Here Carol Poenisch, Marilyn Price, Libby Smith and Bob Sochacki are vying for two seats. Each of these candidates would bring something positive to the board, whether it be a long history of volunteer work with the district, an exceptional background in education, or both. We think Price and Smith would bring the best combination of experience, excitement and energy to the board.

It would be silly to overlook Price's experience. She has experience as a teacher, a counselor, an administrator and, of course, a parent. She is very informed about the issues within the district and will provide a good guiding voice in the challenges ahead.

Like the other candidates, Smith is concerned with class size and the district budget and how the two relate to the growth experienced in the community. A graduate of the district, she'll provide an inside insight on issues. We also like the way she can tap her background in marketing to improve communication within the district and help promote it outside. She's done good work through school and district improvement committees and deserves the promotion to the board.

The coming years will be difficult, but important ones for each of these districts, and they'll need the best community representatives to help them be successful. In Plymouth and Canton, we think they are **Mark Slavens and Roy McCutcheon**. In Northville, **Libby Smith and Marilyn Price**.

Tasteless

FROM PAGE 5

cus. It appears he's with his grandfather, or maybe it's just some old guy with money who got lucky and married a 20-year-old.

The poor kid misses the show because the old guy has an overactive bladder—"a medical condition"—the announcer tells us.

I wonder how those actors who do those distasteful commercials feel when they're in public.

"Hey, there's Kevin's grandpa or dad. Hey, hi, how's your overactive bladder?"

Or, when the stud with the jock itch is spotted at the local pub. "Hey, pal, it's good to see you with both hands on the bar."

I'm saddened by the way our much faster society has desensitized us. Thank God for the mute button on the remote.



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Local officer to seek Wayne County sheriff seat

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Anthony Abdallah has had only one real ambition in life: to be a police officer.

Despite all attempts to lure him into the family business, the pull of sirens and the prospect of solving crimes were irresistible to the 36-year-old detective. Even after seeing the worst the front lines of police work have to offer—and losing a partner in the line of duty—the only career that Abdallah has ever wanted is in law enforcement.

After 14 years behind the badge working for the Inkster Police Department, Abdallah is ready to take on a new challenge: He has announced his intention to run for Wayne County sheriff.

"I think things went really well under Ficano," he said. "Bob Ficano did a lot of good things. I plan on keeping his success. But I think the structure of the sheriff's department could be structured differently."

If successful, Abdallah will unseat current Sheriff Warren Evans, a former prosecutor who was named to replace Robert Ficano. Ficano vacated the position after more than 20 years when he was elected Wayne County executive.

Evans has announced his intention to run for a four-year term beginning in 2004, according to his spokesperson, John Roach.

Abdallah — a pro-death penalty Democrat — said he would not provide any specifics about his campaign until he officially enters the race in January. He said he will answer naysayers, however, who say a detective in the Inkster Police Department could never run a successful campaign against Evans.

The current sheriff is a former Wayne County deputy and prosecuting attorney who holds a law degree from the Detroit College of Law.

"I'm an upfront kind of person," Abdallah explains. "I know what needs to be done, and I know I can get the job done. I have a lot of good relationships with a lot of local (police) departments and community groups in the area . . . I know what agencies are up against."

He also said one of his priorities would be young people.

"There are so many young people getting in trouble, and they're getting in trouble much younger than they used to," he said.

"Too many are involved in violent crimes. When I was assigned to the state police for four years, I saw so many kids getting locked up. A lot of it is about money, which is important to some of the kids who deal with poverty."

"There's got to be more in terms of

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get the job done."*

Anthony Abdallah

recreation for kids. I want to use the resources of the sheriff's department to help get these kids back on track."

The oldest child of Anthony and Dolores Abdallah, the future officer has two younger sisters, Jennifer and Lisa. His parents still own and operate Jewel Gallery in Northville, he said. But Abdallah knew early on that his days would not be spent among precious gems and gold.

After graduating from Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights in 1984, Abdallah worked at the family business and enrolled in the Garden City Police Explorer Cadet program.

In 1989, he was hired by the Inkster Police Department and worked a desk job while he went to the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College. He graduated from the academy in 1989, and was assigned to the road patrol, a prospect his father did not relish.

"I tired not to let him do it," Anthony Abdallah Sr. said. "I wanted him to go into business but the only thing he ever wanted was to be a police officer. Even when he was little, the only thing he ever wanted was cop cars."

"We just sort of had to accept (his decision) . . . We just told him to do the best he can — and be careful. But I'm really proud of him. He's done really well."

"But even now," Abdallah Sr. says, "If we get a phone call after 10 o'clock at night, it feels really bad."

After three years on the road, Abdallah was assigned to the traffic bureau. But in 1994, he returned to the road patrol, where he was paired with a 33-year-old Kenneth Woodmore.

On June 17, 1994, about half an hour into Abdallah and Woodmore's evening shift, Woodmore stopped Christopher Knox, a suspected drug dealer who was riding a bicycle. A hail of gunfire ensued, and Woodmore died after sustaining seven gunshot wounds. The words "officer down" radiated from Abdallah's police radio.

"He died in my arms," he said. "It was the worst day of my life. And I never, ever thought this could happen to anyone I worked with. It's something I still think about all of the time."

Knox went on trial twice for the murders — the first guilty verdict was overturned on a technicality, the second resulted in a sentence of life in prison. Since then, organizing the department police memorial service every May has helped Abdallah deal with his grief.

The murder of police officers, according to Abdallah, is one of the reasons he would like to see the ultimate punishment brought to Michigan.

"The death penalty is especially warranted for (the murder of police officers)," especially after the last two officers that were killed. Those were absolutely brutal crimes. I have no doubt in my mind that (Hazel Park police officer) Jessica Smith's killer knew she was a police officer."

Currently, only 12 states do not have the death penalty. And after the murder of Livonia jeweler Marco Pesce, his four children and his mother, Abdallah doesn't doubt that an aggressive, pro-capital punishment movement will be afoot shortly.

Abdallah said he thinks his practical experience as an officer could benefit Wayne County residents. His current supervisor, Inkster Police Chief Phil Ludos, agrees.

"One thing about Tony is that he gives 100 percent to this job every time out," he said. "He recently solved an 8-year-old murder case and was able to make an arrest."

"He isn't shy about working a case and getting to the bottom of who is responsible. He's also very community-oriented; he has ties to several ethnic groups in the area, and understands their concerns."

In 1998, Abdallah was promoted to the detective bureau, where he underwent several hours of specialized training, including attending the FBI Academy on white-collar crimes.

He and his second wife, Renee, married in 1996 and are the parents of a 6-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son. They live in Livonia.

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OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 12, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Pro Tem Debbie Romak

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles, Miller,
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Randolph Gear

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-200

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 5, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-201

3A Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to create an Industrial Development District for Southview, Inc., 6855 Metroplex, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on 7.40 acres on the south side of Ecorse Road, west of Wayne Road, the Rogers Ecorse Estates Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - Miller, Romak.
Motion Carried.

Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to move agenda Item 6A2 to 3B for immediate consideration.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-202

3B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Zoning Amendment 1.185, an amendment to Appendix A, Romulus Code of Ordinances by amending Sections 28.01 through 28.04 to provide procedures for amending the zoning map and zoning text.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - Miller.
Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-203

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt the 2003/2004 General Appropriations Act for the City of Romulus and the 34th District Court which includes the appropriate millage rate as follows:

CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A BUDGET PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 AND MILLAGE RATES TO SUPPORT THIS BUDGET.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

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COMMUNITY SERVICE	21,000
PUBLIC RELATIONS	64,000
CLERK	408,789
ELECTIONS	96,830
TREASURER	396,638
ASSESSOR	457,094
BOARD OF REVIEW	2,361
CITY OWNED PROPERTY	17,000

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	46,410
FINANCE	587,828
PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS	254,216
UNALLOCATED	346,321
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	573,620
POLICE	6,992,310
ORDINANCE	297,656
ANIMAL SHELTER	210,576
FIRE	1,760,999
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	81,382
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	322,421
BUILDING	1,366,161
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	559,245
DRAINS-AT-LARGE	127,500
BUILDING & GROUNDS	2,303,021
CEMETERY	136,270
RECREATION	674,131
LIBRARY	287,772
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	3,350
UNRESOLVED CLAIMS	50,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 18,950,347

CONTINGENCIES 699,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES 19,649,347

REVENUES

TAXES	9,260,421
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	180,000
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,067,500
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	4,362,942
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,684,322
MISCELLANEOUS	497,600
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	0
FINES & FORFEITS	1,165,000

TOTAL REVENUES 18,217,786

APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 1,431,562

TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS 19,649,347

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	944,623
TRAFFIC SERVICES	102,406
WINTER MAINTENANCE	162,242
DITCHING	97,122
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	250,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES 1,556,394

REVENUES

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	15,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	2,000
OTHER INCOME	100
PAVING INSPECTION FEES	5,000
STORM DRAIN INSPECTION FEES	40,000
ENGINEERING FEES - REIMBURSEMENTS	1,000
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	0
STATE SHARED REVENUES	1,002,352
TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND	0

TOTAL REVENUES 1,065,452

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	713,053
TRAFFIC SERVICES	93,440
WINTER MAINTENANCE	157,261
DITCHING	116,779

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES 1,080,534

REVENUES

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	14,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	1,000
PAVING INSPECTION FEES	10,000
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	5,000
OTHER INCOME	0
STATE SHARED REVENUES	372,410
TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND	0
TRANSFER IN - MAJOR STREETS FUND	250,000

TOTAL REVENUES 652,410

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on art activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	128,379
REVENUES	99,000

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there Is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	354,500
REVENUES	327,500

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	721,560
REVENUES	638,766

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	187,000
REVENUES	237,000

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

91 1 FUND	179,095
REVENUES	125,500

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year them Is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LAW ENFORCEMENT	0
REVENUES	0

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SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there Is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE REVENUES	125,850
	57,000

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD REVENUES	321,765
	322,184

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Building Authority Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE REVENUES	449,257
	419,325

SECTION 14. That. for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT REVENUES	9,544
	75,650

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT REVENUES	0
	53,500

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER REVENUES	10,656,561
	10,711,124

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund an an activity basis, the following:

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REVENUES	1,446,418
	1,558,239

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund an an activity, basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES REVENUES	518,003
	418,457

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS REVENUES	415,116
	582,402

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal yew them is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE REVENUES	535,000
	323,350

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Long Term Disability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LONG-TERM DISABILITY SELF-INSURANCE REVENUES	25,000
	24,000

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there Is hereby appropriated out of the Economic Development Corporation Special Remus Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REVENUES	26,338
	300

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Special Revenue Fund an an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - SPECIAL REVENUE REVENUES	1,198,468
	874,316

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT I - REVENUES	159,183
	93,342

SECTION 25. That for the sold fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Tax increment Finance Authority Funds an an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II - REVENUES	7,942,249
	5,964,207

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT III - SPECIAL REVENUE REVENUES	128,626
	253,431

SECTION 27. That for the sold fiscal year them is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	12,237,957
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SECTION 28. That amounts budgeted for specific Items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such Rom or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 29. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.5282
SANITATION MILLAGE	0.7000

SECTION 30. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

That for the expenditures of the 34th District Court and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004, the following amounts are hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,876,172
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That for the 34th District Court's Work Program and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004, the following amounts are hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	24,930
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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-204

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 02/03-65 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Asphalt Work and Resurfacing of Park Areas to the lowest qualified bidder, S&J Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$86,150.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-205

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to extend Bid 00/01-42 for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display with Colonial Fire Works in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-206

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to establish a \$20.00 fee for administering preliminary breath tests for person required to provide written record as part of their probation for alcohol related offenses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-207

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Storm Water Retention/Detention Maintenance Agreement between the City of Romulus and Aero Park Business Center, 17670 and 15680 Wahrman Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-208

6A1. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 02/03-35,36,37 introduced at the meeting of May 12, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. See agenda item 3B.

6A3. No action taken.

6A4. No action taken.

03-209

6. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mary Holloway.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-210

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve payment of Warrant 03-09 in the grand total amount of Five Hundred Twenty Thousand, One Hundred Forty One Dollars and Twenty Two Cents (\$520,141.22).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 12, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: June 5, 2003

OBITUARIES

HARDIN, Helen Elizabeth

Helen Elizabeth Hardin, 64, of Sumpter Township, died May 20 at home.

Among her survivors are her husband of 21 years, Thomas W. Hardin; a son, Bud (Dawn) Avery of Garden City; daughters, Michelle Avery and Lisa (John) Ochalek, both of Belleville; a brother, William (Joan) Tackaberry of Mason; a sister, Nancy Jean Witts of Dearborn; 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Chaplain Fred Cislo, Jr. officiating.

LONGO, Carmen V.

Carmen v. Longo, 60, of Romulus, died May 20 in Wayne.

Among his survivors are his wife of 38 years, Patricia (Servant) Longo; sons, James Thomas Longo of Romulus and Anthony Carmen Longo of Arizona; daughters, Becky (Kenneth) Chapman of Romulus, Renee Marie (William) Bolk of Romulus and Angela Longo of Romulus; brothers, Victor Longo of Taylor, John Longo of Lincoln Park, Patrick Longo of Taylor and Michael Longo of Riverview; sisters, Denise (William) Bennett of Frenchtown and Colette A. (Lawrence) Marsee of Southgate, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Longo served in the U.S. Army.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Scott Harris of Lighthouse Ministries in Wayne officiating.

Interment was in Romulus Cemetery in Romulus.

STUKY, Joseph C.

Joseph C. Stuky, Jr., 75, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Belleville, died May 21 in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his wife of 37 years, Patricia K. (Hixson) Stuky; son, Jeffrey (Sheryl) Stuky of Westland; a daughter, Susan (Thomas) Poulos of Howell; a brother, Walter Szatynski of Ypsilanti, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Stuky served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cortel officiating.

BUZZARD, Charles Arthur

Charles Arthur Buzzard, Sr., 63, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Belleville, died May

24 in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his sisters, Mary C. Gibson of Ypsilanti and Bernice Smith of Omaha, Neb.; a brother, Thomas Buzzard of Minneapolis, Mn.; several nieces and nephews, and special friends Harold and Donna Smith of Westland and Richard and Ruby Shaffer of Saline.

Mr. Buzzard was an avid member of the First Freewill Baptist Church in Belleville.

Funeral services were at the Chafin Funeral Home in Delbaton W.Va. with the Rev. Rick Williamson officiating.

Interment was at Vance Cemetery in Logan, W. Va.

Local arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

JACKSON, Eliana Nicole

Eliana Nicole Jackson, the newborn daughter of Kevin and Amy (Stewart) Jackson died May 23 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

In addition to her parents, the infant is survived by a brother, Zachary Jackson of Willis and grandparents Keith and Phyllis Jackson of Willis and Allen and Savonda Stewart of Belleville.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Keith Jackson officiating.

Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton Township.

FRETENBOROUGH, Ralph Corvin Sr.

Ralph Corvin Frettenborough, Sr., 69, of Belleville, died May 27 at home.

Among his survivors are his wife of 40 years, Murial D. (Foist) Frettenborough; children, Kenneth Wayne (Wilma) Reeves of Rockford, Ill., Susie (Ira) LaFranboise of Belleville, Ralph C. (Beth) Frettenborough, Jr. of Ypsilanti and Doug (Jessica) Frettenborough of Belleville; a brother, Norman "Sonny" (Pat) Frettenborough of Port Huron; a sister, Donna (Stu) Britton of Sarnia, Canada; an uncle, Norman (Elva) Rowley of Port Huron, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Frettenborough served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

MCKEE, Jennifer Lynn

Jennifer Lynn McKee, 41, of Taylor, died May 30.

Among her survivors are her son, Jesse;

her parents, Jesse and Margaret McKee; a sister, Doris (Larry) Norris and Donna (Gary) Lebowski, and a brother, Robert K. (Cynthia) McKee.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

SEXTON, Raleigh Marvin

Raleigh Marvin Sexton, 83, of Belleville, died May 29 at St. Joseph Merch Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his wife, Joan Marie (Pluff) Sexton; children, Danny M. Sexton of Long Beach, CA, Juwanna

Hunter of Huntington Beach, CA, Toby V. (Vickie) Sexton of Westland, Stevie (Sheila) Sexton of Belleville and Jeffery (Sharon) Sexton of Yorbalinda, CA; siblings, Leslie Sexton of Encino, CA and Joann Bales of Williamsburg, KY; 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sexton served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Romulus VFW and a former member of the Belleville Moose Lodge.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on June 17, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in accordance with guidelines for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Van Buren Township will hold a public hearing in order to receive comments from residents of the community on the proposed change to the Township's 2002-2003 Community Development Block Grant use of funds.

The proposed change is listed as follows:

Transfer of project 02-30-03F-ADA to YOUTH SERVICES:

Contribute \$2,800.00 transferred from the ADA category to a YOUTH SERVICES category for low-to-moderate income residents to participate in recreation programs provided through the Township.

Transfer of project 02-30-03F ADA to DEMOLITION

Transfer \$14,708.62 from ADA category to Demolition

The public hearing will take place at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road. Written and verbal comments will be received and considered. The deadline for input by residents via letter or telephone is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2003. After the public hearing, the Board of Trustees will be asked to support a resolution for the change of the proposed project.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: June 5, 2003

OBITUARIES

COTTER, Thomas Maurice Jr.

Thomas Maurice Cotter Jr., 77, died May 15.

Among his survivors are his wife of 52 years, Anna; children, Thomas, Kathleen, Colleen (Robert) Dansereau, Kevin, Mark (Michelle), Maureen and Brian (Joclyn); 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Cotter was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Funeral services were at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Inkster.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Santieu and Son Funeral Home in Garden City.

BADER, Kathryn Anna

Kathryn Anna Bader, 82, of Howell, formerly of Wayne, died May 21 at Arbor Hospice.

Among her survivors are her husband of 62 years, John L. Bader; children, John Bader of Chelsea, Joyce (John) Chatterton of Pinckney, Michael (Carol) Bader of Romulus; siblings, Bernice DuRocher of Illinois, Edna Kingsbury of Wayne, Jean Horn of Illinois, Leland Ruh of Arizona; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild due in July.

Mrs. Bader's friends and family celebrated her life at services at the Bell-Borek Funeral Home in Hamburg with the Rev. Carl F. Weiser officiating.

RICE, Juanita

Juanita Rice, 74, of Inkster, died April 8 in Garden City.

Among her survivors are her husband, Alfred, daughters, Wanda and Linda; sons, Robert, Charles, Marshall, Ronald and

Joseph, and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Peoples Community Baptist Church with the Rev. John D. Hearn officiating.

Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

BANKHEAD, Elaine

Elaine Bankhead, 53, of Ypsilanti, died April 11 in Ann Arbor.

Among her survivors are her parents, J.T. and Bernice Hartman; sons, Ernest, George and Roosevelt; a daughter, Cheryl, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

HAYES, William F.

William F. Hayes, 68, of Inkster, died April 13 in Wayne.

Among his survivors are his wife, Jewel; sons, Michael and Kenneth; daughters, Regina, Michelle, Annissa and Ashanti; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Hayes served in the U.S. Army during both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Reeves IV officiating.

Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Cottage Park, GA.

SEALS, Brookie

Brookie Seals, 55, of Inkster, died April 16 in Detroit.

Among her survivors are her mother, Margaret; father, James; children, Alphonso, Stephen and Megan, and a grandson, Dalen.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial park in Canton Township.

EBERHARDT, Frank Jr.

Frank Eberhardt Jr., of Romulus, died April 17 at home.

Among his survivors are his wife, Veronica, and many friends.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

STEWART, Etter Lee

Etter Lee Stewart, 69, of Westland, died April 19, in Westland.

Among her survivors are her siblings Robert, Jr., Eunice, Fred, Charlie, McArthur and Bernice and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Virgil Humes officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

ROGERS, Robert

Robert Rogers, 60, of Inkster, died April 18 in Detroit.

Among his survivors are his parents, Robert and Ola Mae Rogers; children, Sherena, Robert III, Stine, Morris and Douglass, and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Gardens in Belleville.

BAILEY, Sylvester

Sylvester Bailey, 66, of Inkster, died April 19 at home.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sandra; son Sylvester Jr.; daughters, Marrissa, Diana, Rokola, Asia and Darlene, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Miracle Temple Church with the Rev. Horace Jackson officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

DEWITT, Craig

Craig Dewitt, 41, of Wayne, died April 20 in Farmington Hills.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

GLENN, John W.

John W. Glenn, 61, of Detroit, died April 23 in Farmington Hills.

Among his survivors are his wife of 30 years, Dorothy; children, Daryn, Eric, Marie, Stephanie, Michelle and Michael, and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church in Romulus with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

JOHNSON, Alfred L.

Alfred L. Johnson, 77, of Inkster, died April 23 in Wayne.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sharon; children, Lewis, Sharon, Shalena, Alfred Jr., Donna and Cheryl; 15 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

In addition, thank you to those who wished to remain anonymous, as well as thank you to those who have been depositing their change into the donation cans located around Wayne. This has been a true community effort.

As of May 30, 2003, \$13,392.64 has been donated to the 2003 fireworks show.

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Plymouth Symphony Home Tour features remodeling, renovation

The Annual Plymouth Symphony League Home Tour will begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow and continue from noon until 8 p.m. Saturday.

This year, six homes are featured in the "Redecorating and Remodeling Fever" tour that features innovations in design and décor, according to K.C. Mueller, one of the organizers of the event.

Tickets for the event are \$18 if purchased in advance, and \$20 either day of the event. Tickets are available at Colonial Card and Camera located in the Kroger shopping center at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, Gabrial's on Main Street in Plymouth, Michigan Made & More on Ann Arbor Trail and the Plymouth Symphony Society Office in Forest Place Mall, all in Plymouth, and at Gardenviews on West Main Street in Northville.

The annual tour is a fundraiser for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, which entertains residents throughout the area.

In addition to the featured homes, this year the symphony will also be touring two condominiums. The Mayflower Centre condominiums in downtown Plymouth will be available for tours for ticket holders only. Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township will also preview a 3,600 square-foot, five-bedroom condominium home with an in-law suite for participants of the tour. It is located at 392 Hamilton in Cherry Hill Village, south off Cherry Hill Road, west of Denton Road.

For information, or tickets, contact Mueller at 734-455-0075.

This stately Greek Revival style home is making a third appearance on the home tour. Since 1989, nearly every room has been redecorated.

The owners have chosen colors with warmth and depth to complement their furnishings and display their collectibles.

Included among those collections are portraits, including folk art of the Queen Victoria reign and approximately 350 Staffordshire pieces, silver baby cups, pottery and porcelain busts of historical figures, arrowheads, Kentucky rifles, Civil War swords, crown and antique pin collections, friendship cups and miniature furniture pieces all displayed throughout the home.

Staffordshire is a type of pottery which was hand-painted by very young children in the factories of England. The owners' collection is displayed in nearly every room.

In the dining room, a 12-piece Staffordshire spaniel grouping set sits on the 1850s mahogany sideboard. The dining room also is home to the table handmade by the owner's father as a wedding gift to the couple.

The grass cloth wallcovering in this room has been painted a deep burgundy color and the coordinating curtains were custom designed for the room. The extra wide and thick chair railing is original.

The kitchen was recently remodeled using granite from Canada. The owners added an 1840s Freen wedding cabinet for extra china storage.

In the hearth room are two of the owners' favorite portraits: A Thomas Sully style portrait titled Cousin Maggy Hallett and an oil painting of a woman and young boy with his pony.

In the first guest room hangs a portrait of Queen Victoria purchased in England, several portraits of the owner as a young boy and a Kathy Nyh pastel of the couple's granddaughter. In the second guest room, Waverly wallpaper with matching curtains and bedspread complements the Staffordshire motif of the home.

The closet in the third bedroom features a crystal chandelier plus an eyebrow window to provide natural light.

This home was built to look as though it had always been a part of the community. The owners are now celebrating their 30th year in the house.



1393 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Located east of Sheldon Road, on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Evergreen.

The surrounding land was cleared and enhanced to bring out the natural beauty of the setting of the home.

The owners have added two bridges and a walkway around the lake. The windmill aerator, constructed by the entire family, provides energy efficient oxygenation during the winter months.

Visitors are welcomed to a heavy mahogany door which opens to a gracious grand foyer.

The foyer is somewhat reminiscent of Hogwart's for Harry Potter fans, as it features a tapestry, a Gryffindor mirror and a Hagrid's dragon atop the foyer table.

The formal dining room seats 12 at an heirloom banquet table.

In the great room, the owners have hung their favorite Salvador Dali prints and the small oriental runner placed between the coffee table and couch was used to establish the color pallet for the entire home.

The first floor master bath features warm red tones that accentuate the

imported marble floors and Jacuzzi surround. A unique Tabriz Persian rug is one of the owner's favorites.

The powder room features gold leaf faux paint.

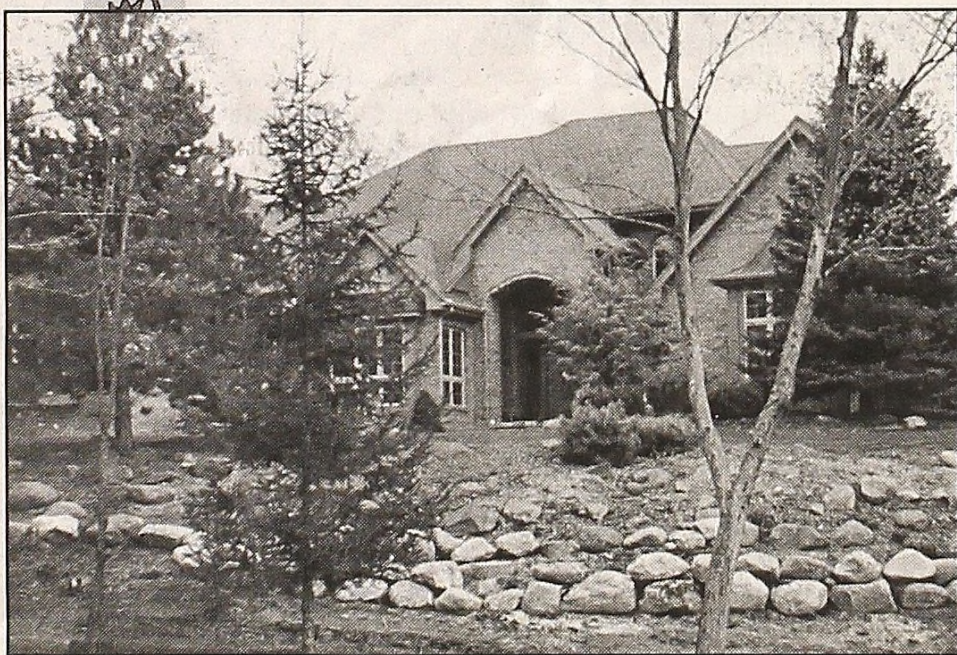
In the kitchen and dinette, the purple glass collection belonged to the owners' mother. The decorative collection of oil and vinegar decanters on the center island is from another parent. The dinette table is tumbled marble and a unique feature in this kitchen is the extension table that comes out of the island.

Upstairs in a bedroom is a 300-year-old armoire used for a closet.

On the lower level, there is a dance floor with a jukebox and disco ball. There is a natural wine cellar and a six-person steam room.

The lower level also features a home theater, fireplace, pool table and exercise area.

The lower level opens to the woods, where the secluded setting may be one of the best-kept secrets in Canton.



8400 North Ridge, Canton Township

Located on Ridge Road just south of Joy Road. It is the third drive on the east side of the street.

This year round estate is located on 10.77 rolling wooded acres on Ridge Road, a designated Natural Beauty Road.

The owners purchased the 9,300 square foot home in 2001 from the original owners and have remodeled and changed the décor.

Warm, vibrant colors have been added and the couples' children were encouraged to help plan, decorate and paint their own rooms.



10618 Jo Ann Lane, Plymouth

Located west off Sheldon Road, onto Brookside Road, then north onto Jo Ann Lane

The owners of this home changed both the exterior and interior of the home. While many may remember the house when it had a blue and white exterior, the new look is a favorite with the neighborhood.

The original slate entrance foyer has been replaced with ceramic tile and parquet floors installed in the living and dining rooms.

The door off the foyer into the owners' home office has been deemed off limits—although the doors itself features a Shakesperian doorknocker.

There is something Shakesperian in every room of the home. In the living room is an antique Chinese wedding chest. The opposite wall is used completely for the storage of the owners' large collection of books.

The extra large dining room features a large Adirondack mosaic twig buffet, designed by Larry Hawkins. This type of camp furniture was commonly found in the summer homes on the east coast.

The homeowner completed the faux painting on the walls. The owners' father, an artist from Cincinnati, painted most of the artwork in the home. There are also two works by Pitaloosee, an Inuit (Canadian Eskimo) including a stonecut and a stonecut lithograph.

In the kitchen, the owners removed some cabinets to open up the room, extended the counters for extra seating and used Pewabic tiles for the backsplash. Ceramic tile replaced the original hardwood floor.

The original paneled walls in the family room were covered with dry-wall and the brick around the fireplace replaced with smaller ceramic tiles. The owner designed the ceramic and tumbled marble accent face and supervised the installation. The mantle was created from cast concrete. Skylights were added for additional light in the room.

The master bedroom also features a log bed.

This home has recently been "rearranged" by a professional interior arranger, Sue April, who is a member of the Interior Arrangement and Design Association. The owners wanted a new look, using the furnishings they already owned.

They began with a one-day makeover of the master bedroom. The homeowners were so pleased with the results, they agreed to work with April specifically for the Plymouth Home Tour and every room in the house has been rearranged under her watchful eye.

Before and after photographs are displayed in throughout the home.

While April helped the homeowner with fabric selection and paint colors, the homeowner completed all the sewing herself.

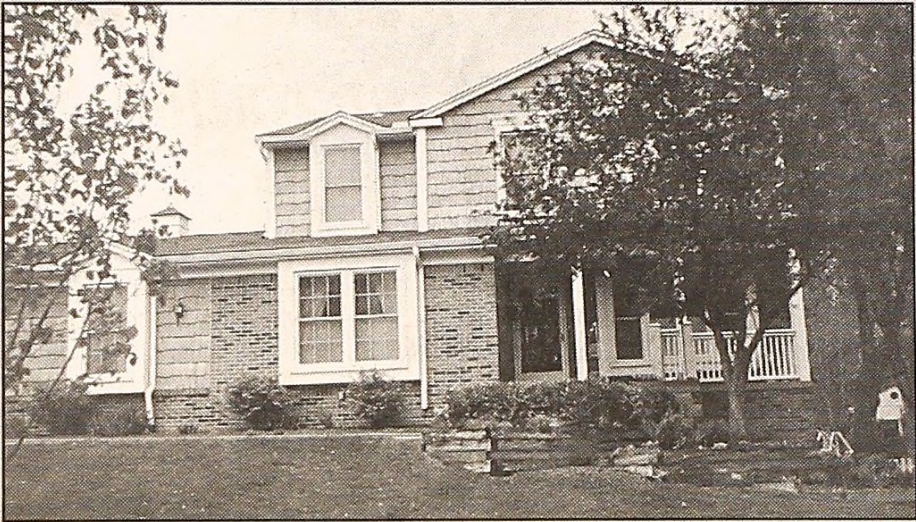
A family portrait graces the foyer near the curved staircase. The antique secretary is from West Virginia and holds one of the many

floral arrangements generously provided by Keller and Stein Florist of Canton Township. The faux finish in the foyer was completed by Rand Fettes.

In the home office is an heirloom baptismal gown worn by several members of the family, the oldest of whom is now 90. Third and fourth generation babies have been christened in the gown. One of the owners' favorite Gustav Wander watercolors is hung in this room.

The first of four custom furniture pieces made by Plymouth Mayor William Graham, a tall white cabinet, can be seen in this room. The faux finish here was done by the owner and Beverly Pray of Sugar Plum Visions.

In the master bedroom, the large prints, the luggage holder (now used as a bench) and the crystal lamp all came from the former Mayflower Hotel.



45620 Moonlight Drive, Plymouth

Located south off Ann Arbor Trail onto Beacon Hill Drive, left on Moonlight Drive.

This home is located in the historic district of Northville. It was built sometime in the last quarter of the 19th century and was originally a Victorian farmhouse.

From 1860 until 1910, the simple L-shaped and T-shaped two-story farmhouse was very common in both farm and rural town settings.

Remodeling and renovation of this home began in 1995 by Frederick J. Bidigare, a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Architecture. He is a principal in one of the top architectural design firms in Europe and serves as executive director of the Frank Lloyd Wright Smith House in Bloomfield Hills.

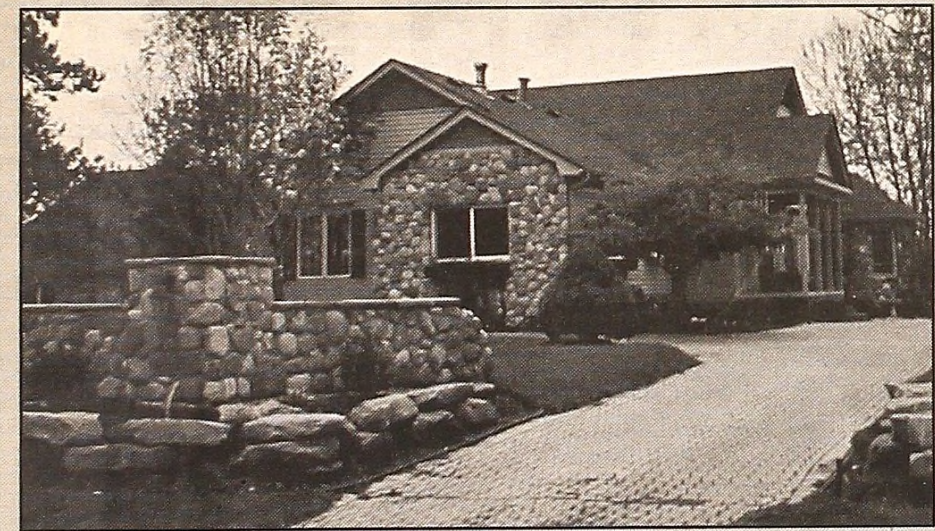
Now concentrating his efforts as an artist, three of Bidigare's works are found in the garden dining room off the kitchen in the home. He has been published in International Artist Magazines and his work is represented in collections throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia.

The main entrance to this home was located where the living room fireplace now stands. It was moved to side porch entry sometime during the 1960s. During the 1995 renovations, it was necessary to remove a wall from the entry.

The formal foyer, living and dining rooms comprise the original segment of the home on the first floor. The second floor has one original bedroom at the top of the staircase with original doors remaining in bedrooms one and two, and the bath.

The owners' love of cooking was the focus in the design of the new kitchen. Old hickory was selected for the custom cabinetry. The authentic pull handles from the 1800s were found in Ann Arbor.

The owners desire for privacy, an appreciation of nature and natural light were the prime factors in the design of the garden dining and family rooms. In keeping with the Victorian style, spatial separation is preserved by the subtle changes in floor elevations.



48929 North Territorial Road, Plymouth

This home is located on the south side of North Territorial Road, east of Ridge Road.

This is the second appearance of this home on the Plymouth Symphony Home Tour.

When the owners first allowed the home to be featured in 1987, they had already added 2,100 square feet to the house. Now, they have added another 1,400 square feet in another wing.

This expanding home sits on 3.5 acres and has a tennis court and pond.

From the foyer of the home, visitors can enter several rooms. In the kitchen the changes in floor finishes reflect the expansion and growth of the house. The ceramic portion was originally screened-in porch. Wood was used for the next addition because the ceramic could no longer be matched. The wood burning stove is used daily in the winter and filled with wood chopped from the owners' own property.

The Colorado inspired dining

room represents the owners' love of the west where they travel to ski every year. The logs used here are from Montana and the owners performed all the labor involved in this remodeling themselves, including the placement of the cultured stones. Many of the antiques throughout the home belonged to the owner's grandmother, including an antique sideboard and humidor.

In the great room, a massive stone wall on the south side acts as a solar collector by day and radiates the collected heat at night.

At one end of the room is an antique chimney cabinet originally used to keep pies warm. The log mantle was custom cut to fit the fireplace. The chandelier flying above in a Spanish angel with elk horns that has electrified candles, for safety. The banner "Ty Tsi Doma" means "You are home" in Czech.



536 Main Street, Northville

Located north off Seven Mile onto Rodgers, right on Main Street.

SPORTS



The Chiefs, spurred by the offensive combination of Rachel Perry and Erica Ahrens, topped the Huron River Rats Friday night to advance to the Regional tournament. That started yesterday, but the outcome was not known at press time.

Road to regionals Canton Chiefs get an easy win in district soccer finals

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs earned one tough and one easy victory last week to advance to the regional playoffs. They started that yesterday against state-ranked Novi, who dispatched Northville 1-0 Friday night.

The outcome of the opening regional round wasn't known at press time.

The Chiefs earned their way there with an impressive – and relatively quick – victory against the River Rats of Ann Arbor Huron Friday night.

The Chiefs put up two goals in six minutes, according to Canton Coach Don Smith. It was all the talented Canton defense and their goalie Briana Wolcott needed.

"It was a good game to let everyone

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It was a good game to let everyone play and not get hurt.
Coach Don Smith

play and not get hurt," said Smith.

Erica Ahrens scored two goals in the game and Rachel Perry put in the other. Each had an assist, as well.

Ahrens put the Chiefs on the board about two minutes into the game and added a second goal about three minutes later.

After that the Chiefs were able to pace themselves, according to Smith, and save their strength for the regional tournament.

The River Rats didn't exactly give up,

though.

"They were playing hard," he said. "They just didn't have any good offensive opportunities."

Canton 2, Salem 1

The Chiefs earned a measure of revenge last Wednesday when they dispatched their cross-campus rivals in a district semi-final game.

The Rocks scored first on a penalty kick, but Canton rallied on goals by Erica Ahrens and Rachel Perry.

Perry took the ball deep in the Canton side of the field and worked her way across toward the Salem goal. She sent a near-perfect pass across to Ahrens, who made it good with about three minutes left in the first half.

The next time around was about halfway through the second half, when Ahrens fielded the ball and sent it Perry, who put it past Salem Goalie Heather Jones.

The two wins set up the regional stand-off against the Wildcats yesterday. They're one of only three teams to beat the Chiefs this year. That defeat came in Canton's first game of the season, a 2-1 loss. Smith said both shots were deflected off the cross bar.

The game took place at 7 p.m. Dearborn High School.

If the Chiefs make it past the Wildcats, they'll play in the regional final at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"We'll just go out and do the best we can," Smith said.

Canton track team performs well at states, but doesn't medal

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs boys track team put up some good times at the state finals on Saturday, but they weren't quite good enough to win any medals.

Coach Bob Richardson said he was he was still impressed with the performance of his team all year long. He said it was the best boys' track team in school history.

"It was exciting to be at the state finals and have so many good competitors to run against," Richardson said. "We're just happy we had so many kids qualify."

Brad Waidmann competed in the long jump and finished with a five-foot, 11-inch leap. Dan Driscoll ran in the 100-meter and finished in 12.1 seconds. Steve Kilijanczyk ran a scorching 15.9

second 110-meter hurdle but didn't qualify in that event, either.

Corey Walser came close. He ran an 11.2 in the 100-meter dash in the preliminaries, but finished in 11.3 in the semifinals, so he didn't advance.

Devin Thomas was also kicked out early; his 22.9 in the 200-meter didn't qualify him for the state finals, either.

Bryan Soash put in a good time in the 400-meter run (51.4).

The Chiefs had good times from the three relay teams that qualified as well, Richardson said. The 800-meter relay team recorded a personal best time of 1:31. Andy Rossow, Brandon Reeves, Jesse Williams and Thomas ran for Canton.

The 400-meter relay team finished in 44 seconds flat, only .2 seconds off their best time. Driscoll,

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Reeves, Thomas and Walser nearly broke their own record there.

The 1,600-meter relay team nearly broke their record time of 3:27.8, set the week before in the team championships. This time around, Rossow, Shane Azizi, Williams and Soash finished in 3:28.2, according to Richardson.

"It was one of our fastest

times, but we still couldn't place," Richardson said.

It was still an impressive season for Canton, who finished the season 7-0 in dual meets. They were second in the region and they finished in seventh place at the state team championships last week – and event they only had 48 hours to prepare for.

"It was a very successful season for the guys," Richardson said. The team got together a final time yesterday for an end of season picnic, where season awards were handed out, according to Richardson.

The Chiefs are losing a lot of their point-scorers to graduation, he said. Shane Azizi will leave a hole behind him, as will Driscoll, a four-event athlete for the Chiefs.

"We're going to miss him a lot," Richardson said.

Bryan Frawley and Kilijanczyk, who ran both hurdle events, will also move on, as will their main distance threat, Aaron Lanning.

Soash, a "Mr. Everything" for the Chiefs this year, is also a senior. He competed in the 400-meter and 800-meter runs and helped out in the relays.

Senior Corey Walser was the Chiefs' top sprinter for his entire four-year career. Richardson said there is a good core group of underclassmen waiting in the wings, though. It's one of the benefits of having a deep team.

"We've got a lot of young guys that want their spots," he said. "The question will be who wants it more and who wants to work. It doesn't just happen. Some of these guys work out all year long."

Westland sports arena named after NHL 'Star'

Scott Spielman
Editor

City of Westland officials will soon put a new name on a popular facility.

Plans are nearly finalized to rename the Westland Sports Arena after a home-grown National Hockey League (NHL) star, Mike Modano, who was raised in Westland.

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said the sports arena will be renamed the Mike Modano Ice Arena on July 20.

"We've wanted to do something for him for a couple of years now," she said.

The hockey superstar hails from Westland, according to Bill Wild, who served on the renaming committee. Modano was a first round draft pick in 1988, when the Stars were known as the Minnesota North Stars. He was the Rookie of the Year in 1990 and he currently plays for the Dallas Stars, the same team that made the move from Minnesota.

During his 15 years as a star for the Stars, he's been named to the NHL All-Star game in 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2003. He's also a two-time Olympic team member (1998, 2002) and a member of the World Cup Champions Team USA.

"I'm surprised we haven't done anything to honor him before this," said Wild.

Modano, whose team won the Stanley Cup in 1999, has scored more than 1,000 points during his career.

He's only the fifth American born player to score that many

points, which is one of the reason he was named captain of the Western Conference NHL All-Star team. Known for his unselfish leadership, he's often referred to as the American version of Steve Yzerman, according to Wild.

"Mike is a great example to our young people that there is no limit to what they can accomplish," said Cicirelli. "All of us in Westland are proud of what he has done, both on and off the ice."

His off-ice accomplishments include the organization of the Mike Modano Foundation, a group dedicated to improving the quality of life for underprivileged children.

The renaming ceremony will get under way at about 1 p.m. on July 20. A replica of his jersey will be hung in the arena and a new sign and awning will be unveiled. There will be plenty of give-a-ways by Reebok and other sponsors and Cicirelli will present Modano with a key to the city.

Wild said it was a worthy celebration of a long-overdue honor.

"He is, without a doubt, the greatest athlete our community has ever provided," Wild said. "The entire city council is very proud of Mike's achievements and feels the recognition is well deserved."

Cicirelli, who explored the idea of honoring Modano when she was still a member of the city council, agreed. "We're very proud of his accomplishments," she said. "He's a great hockey player - and an even better person."



Still going

Canton 6, South Lyon 1: Renee Ross had two hits and winning pitcher Molly Conlon struck out five for Canton (25-10), who topped South Lyon last week in the District tournament.

Dillard sits out finals; Wayne doesn't medal

Scott Spielman
Editor

In the end, T.J. Dillard didn't get the chance he wanted at the track and field state finals Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Dillard, who coach Floyd Carter said had a legitimate shot of earning a medal, was set to compete in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, as well as anchor the 400-meter relay team. He was benched, however, for disciplinary reasons, specifically violating a curfew.

"It's really unfortunate, but these young men have to know there are consequences for their actions," Carter said. "It's a no-frills type of thing. You get only one shot."

With Dillard out, the 400-meter relay team didn't earn a medal, although they put in a

good performance. Stedman Frye, Terrill Ford, De'Lano Boles and Darrian Miller ran for the Zebras and they were in the thick of it until a bungled hand-off in the third leg.

"We were doing well, but those things happen," Carter said.

Dillard will get another chance next year, if he stays healthy and comes back to the team. He's a junior, so he has another year left, according to Carter.

"Hopefully he'll go on and learn from his mistakes," Carter said. "It's a part of growing up."

A number of other top performers are leaving the team through graduation, according to Carter.

Boles, who competed in the 400-meter and 800-meter relay as well as the 100-meter dash, is

graduating. So is Ramon Kinloch, who ran in the 400-meter and the 800-meter runs as well as the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter relay teams.

Shot-putter Christian Young and Darré Johnson, who competed in the high jump and long jump have also finished their Wayne careers.

The Zebras were more successful this season in invitationals than in the dual meets. Carter said that was easy to explain.

"We didn't have the big numbers to compete with the larger teams," he said.

He said the team would be young next year, but talented.

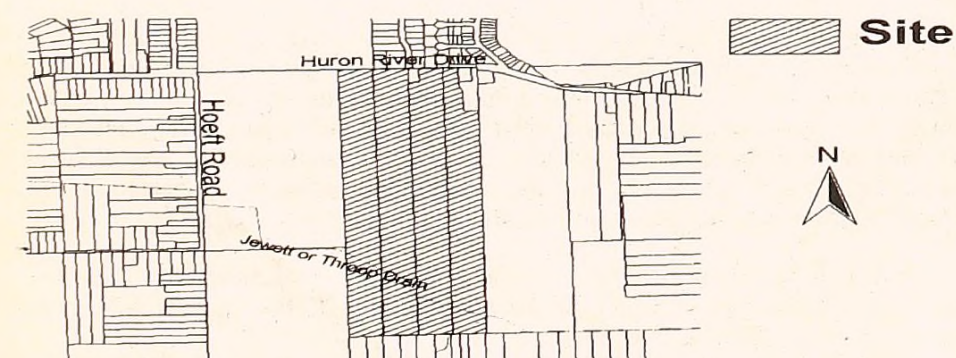
"We'll have so many kids coming up that we'll have a lot of potential," he said. "We'll have a good core group of sprinters. There's a lot of talent in that school."

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The applicant is requesting special use approval to construct a Planned Residential Development on the above referenced parcel. There are 154 single family lots and 104 attached condominiums units proposed.

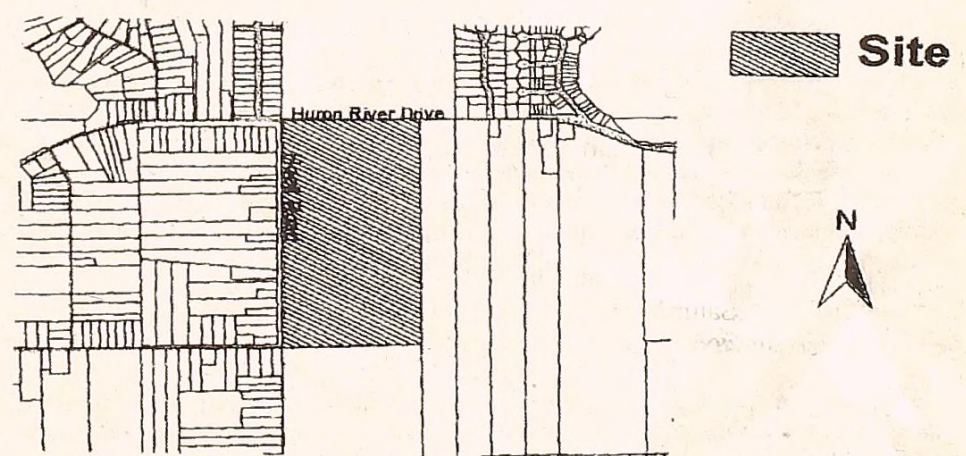
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2003 - 4

“AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A GENERAL POLICY FOR LIQUOR LICENSES AND PERMITS”

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. **SHORT TITLE.**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Liquor Management Ordinance”.

Section 2. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to allow the City to establish and administer a policy for the issuance and transfer of CLASS C Type liquor licenses and permits, to provide for the enforcement of liquor laws, regulations and ordinances, and to manage the number of liquor licenses in the City of Plymouth.

This Ordinance shall also create the Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC), which shall be composed of at least three members of the City Commission. The purpose of the LLRC is to review applications and make recommendations to the City Commission as required by this Ordinance.

It shall be the policy of the City of Plymouth to notify all known existing Class C Type Liquor License holders of proposed changes in this Ordinance via first class mail at least 10 business days in advance of the City Commission acting on a change.

Section 3. **LICENSING POLICY.**

New licenses or Liquor License permits, transfer of ownership of existing licenses, transfers into the City of new licenses, will be approved at this sole discretion of the City Commission.

Further, the City shall conduct an annual review of all existing licenses in the City of Plymouth.

Section 4. **PLAN OF OPERATION REQUIRED.**

A. Business Operation. All new requests for permits, requests for transfers of ownership of existing licenses or requests for transfers of licenses into the City of on-premises licensees shall operate in accordance with a Plan of Operation approved by the City Commission.

B. Plan of Operation. A Plan of Operation shall contain an operational statement outlining the proposed manner in which the establishment will be operated, including, but not limited to, the format schedule of the hours of operation, crowd control, security, alcohol management, use of the facilities, parking provisions, plan for interior use and layout, and any other pertinent information as requested by the City or City's Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC).

C. Compliance. Licensees shall comply with all applicable State and City regulations, this general policy, and a Plan of Operation as approved by the City Commission. Any change to a Plan of Operation shall be approved by the City Commission prior to implementation of the change by the licensee. Failure of such compliance or variance from an approved Plan is a violation of this ordinance and may result in the City Commission recommending to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the license be revoked or not renewed.

Section 5. **REVIEW PROCEDURES**

Each applicant for a new license, the establishment of a new permit, the transfer into the City of a new license, or the transfer of an existing license shall make a request to the City in accordance with the following procedures:

A. Application - Each applicant must submit to the City Clerk an application (on a form provided by the City), a Plan of Operation, plot plan of the site, a plan for interior use and exterior design, and the layout of any ancillary facilities. As part of the application, each applicant shall submit a written statement explaining in detail how their proposal meets the factors as listed in Section 5D of this Ordinance.

B. City departmental review - Upon receipt of an application and plans, the City Manager will refer same to the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Planning Department, Building Department and other City officers or employees, who shall cause a thorough review and investigation, including, but not limited to a complete history of past business experience and liquor law violations, if any, to be made of the persons and/or premises which must meet or exceed codes. The applicant shall provide all requested information to, and fully cooperate with, all City Departments requesting any and all additional relevant information. The findings resulting from such review and investigation shall be reported to the City Manager, who then will report same to the LLRC and the City Commission.

C. Public Hearing/Review.

1. Hearing. The City Commission shall hold a public hearing upon a request for a new license, the establishment of a new permit, transfer of an existing license to new owners, or for the transfer of a new license into the City.

2. Notice. Notice of all hearings shall be provided to all property owners, residents and voters within 300 feet of the proposed establishment, all LCC Class C License holders, the Chamber of Commerce, all neighborhood associations and the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. The applicant shall pay the cost of such notice.

3. Appearance. The applicant will be required to appear at the hearing before the LLRC Committee or the City Commission, and make a written and/or oral presentation concerning the request.

4. Recommendation. The LLRC shall review and may recommend approval or disapproval of all requests to the City Commission.

D. Review factors. In reviewing a request for a new license or permits or transfers of

ownership of existing licenses or transfers into the City of new on-premises licensees, the City Commission or LLRC may consider and/or weigh the following factors:

1. Conserve the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services to conform with the most advantageous uses of land, resources and property.
2. Total number of similar licenses in the City.
3. Input from residents and surrounding business owners.
4. Impact of the establishment on surrounding businesses and neighborhoods.
5. Whether a proposed licensed premise is part of a multi-use project with substantial new retail, office, or residential components. The size of the licensed premise relative to the overall project or development.
6. Crowd control.
7. Parking availability.
8. Preservation or restoration of historic buildings.
9. Locating in an underdeveloped area.
10. Concentration of drinking establishments and impact in policing requirements.
11. Policing requirements.
12. Business history.
13. Business experience.
14. LCC violation history.
15. Will facility be a Sit Down Full Service Restaurant serving alcohol or other “bar only” type establishment.
16. Percent of floor area devoted to dining versus bar area.
17. Size of bar area.
18. Size of dance floor, if any.
19. Type or character of the establishment, e.g. dining, nightclub, hotel, dance club.
20. Overall benefit of the plan to the City of Plymouth.
21. Non-payment of taxes or other payment due to the City.
22. Any other factor(s) that may effect the health, safety and welfare or the best interests of the community.

E. Approval. If after a review by the LLRC and/or a public hearing, the City Commission is satisfied that the establishment or operation will provide a benefit to the City of Plymouth and constitute an asset to the community, it will adopt a resolution granting approval, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions stated in the resolution.

1. Building - Remodeling. If the request involves a change to the physical size or layout of the establishment, when the applicant's building or remodeling is completed, it must meet all state and local regulations, and must comply with the representations made to the City Commission and LLRC Committee by the applicant. If such physical alteration is approved by the City Commission and it is subsequently determined that the project was not substantially completed as required by the plans and specifications presented to the City, or in substantial compliance with representations made to the City, the City may recommend that the license be revoked or not be renewed for the following year.

Section 6. **PERMITS AND TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.**

1. Permits. New Requests for permits for Dance, Entertainment, or Dance & Entertainment shall be reviewed by the LLRC and approved in the sole discretion of the City Commission after an evaluation of the factors listed in Section 5D. The City will not consider requests for topless entertainment permits.

2. Transfer of Ownership. Requests for transfer of ownership of existing licensed establishments shall be reviewed by the LLRC and approved or disapproved by the City Commission. The City Commission may hold a public hearing. If the continuation of an existing operation is contemplated, the applicant must present a plan that indicates that it will continue the existing operation as established. If there are proposed changes in the operations then the request for transfer of ownership shall be subject to the reviews outlined in Section 5D.

3. Any change in existing operations from a full service sit down restaurant that serves alcohol to an establishment that features primarily alcohol would be subject to a new review as outlined in Section 5D.

Section 7. **ANNUAL LICENSE AND PERMIT REVIEW.**

A. The City Commission will undertake a review of any license or permit for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding renewal of said license or permit. The Commission shall consider whether a licensed establishment has been operated in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and all other applicable laws, and regulations of the City of Plymouth and the State of Michigan.

B. Each year, the City Manager shall cause an investigation to be made relative to each existing on-premises licensed establishment. The investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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ORDINANCE FROM PAGE 16

- (1) Licensee shall submit copies of current valid licenses from appropriate County, State or Federal governments to insure authorization to serve food at the establishment.
- (2) An inspection of the premises to determine whether the licensee is in compliance with the license itself, its approved site plan and if applicable its plan of operation, as well as any conditions imposed by the City or the Michigan Liquor Control Commission or representations made by the licensee at the time of issuance or transfer of the license.
- (3) An inspection of city records to determine whether all taxes and other monies due the city are timely paid.
- (4) An inspection of police files or other sources of information to determine whether any activity in connection with the licensed premise is in violation of the law, disturbs the public peace and tranquility, constitutes a nuisance, or contributes to the disruption of the normal activities of those in the neighborhood of the licensed premise.
- (5) A review to determine the existence of any of the criteria as described in Section 9 of this Ordinance.
- (7) A review of the operation of the licensed establishment to determine whether the business is being operated in compliance with any and all representations that may have been made by the licensee to the City or the City Commission.

C. Recommendations from City Departments. Following receipt of a fully completed application, fees, and such other information as may be requested by the City, the City Clerk shall forward the application to the police department, fire department, building department, treasurer's office, and such other departments as required by the City Manager, which departments shall make their reviews and recommendations prior to consideration by the City Commission. In conducting its review, the City may request other pertinent information from the licensee. The completed report shall be reviewed by the LLRC prior to being considered by the City Commission.

Section 8. REVOCATION AND NON-RENEWAL.

- A. Each establishment within the City for which a liquor license or permit is granted shall be operated and maintained in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of the City of Plymouth and the State of Michigan. Upon any violation of this Ordinance, the Commission may, after notice and hearing, request the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to revoke such license and/or permit.

Upon any violation(s) of this ordinance, the City will notify the licensee of the specific violation(s) and afford the licensee an opportunity to come into compliance with said Ordinance. Licensee must reach compliance in that time established by the City Manager, but in no event more than 10 days after notification to licensee by City of such violation. Absent compliance within that time established by the City Manager, the City may hold the above mentioned hearing and request that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission not renew and/or revoke such license and/or permit.

- B. Before filing any objection to renewal or request for revocation of a license or permit with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the City shall serve the Licensee with notice and proceed in accordance with this Ordinance, as amended. The City shall serve the Licensee by first class mail mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing with Notice of Hearing, which Notice shall contain, the following:

- 1) Date, time and place of Hearing.
- 2) Notice of the proposed action.
- 3) Reasons for the proposed action
- 4) Names of witnesses known at the time who will testify
- 5) A statement that the Licensee may present evidence or any testimony that may refute or respond to the claims of adverse witnesses.
- 6) A statement requiring the licensee to notify the City Attorney's office at least three (3) days prior to the hearing date if they intend to contest the proposed action, and to provide the names of witnesses known at the time who will testify on their behalf.

- C. Upon completion of the Hearing, the City Commission shall submit to the Licensee and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission a written statement of its Findings and Determination.

Section 9. CRITERIA FOR NON-RENEWAL OR REVOCATION.

- A. The City Commission may recommend non-renewal or revocation of a license or permit originally authorized on or after July 1, 2003 to the Liquor Control Commission upon a determination based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the Hearing that any of the following exists:

1. Failure to comply with all standards, plans or agreements entered into in consideration for the issuance, transfer or continuance of the license or permit, or failure to comply with all agreements or consent judgments entered into subsequent to the issuance of the license or permit.
2. Failure to comply with an approved Plan of operation and other plans, specifications, or representations made or submitted to the City by the licensee.
3. Violations of the State liquor laws or regulations of the Liquor Control Commission.
4. Violations of State laws or local ordinances including, but not limited to those laws or ordinances concerning the public health, safety or public welfare.
5. Maintenance of a nuisance upon or in connection with the licensed premises including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. Failure to correct violations of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, zoning, health, fire or other applicable regulatory codes, to include the history thereof;
 - b. A pattern of patron conduct in the neighborhood of the licensed premises,

which is a violation of the law and/or disturbs the peace, order and tranquility of the neighborhood; Including types of police, fire or medical services related to this operation.

- c. Failure to maintain the grounds and exterior of the licensed premises, including litter, debris or refuse blowing or being deposited upon adjoining properties;
- d. Entertainment on the premises or activity in connection with the licensed premises which by its nature causes, creates or contributes to disorder, disobedience to rules, ordinance or laws, or contributes to the disruption of normal activity of those in the neighborhood of the licensed premises.
6. Failure by the Licensee to permit the inspection of the licensed premises by the City's agents or employees in connection with the enforcement of this Ordinance.
7. Failure to pay taxes or make other payments due to the City in a timely manner.

- B. The City Commission may recommend non-renewal or revocation of a license or permit originally authorized to operate in the City of Plymouth on or before June 30, 2003 to the Liquor Control Commission upon a determination based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the Hearing that any of the following exists:

1. Violations of the State liquor laws or regulations of the Liquor Control Commission.
2. Violations of State laws or local ordinances including, but not limited to those laws or ordinances concerning the public health, safety or public welfare.
3. Maintenance of a nuisance upon or in connection with the licensed premises including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. Failure to correct violations of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, zoning, health, fire, property maintenance or other applicable regulatory codes, to include the history thereof;
 - b. A pattern of patron conduct in the neighborhood of the licensed premises, which is a violation of the law and/or disturbs the peace, order and tranquility of the neighborhood;
 - c. Failure to maintain the grounds and exterior of the licensed premises, including litter, debris or refuse blowing or being deposited upon adjoining properties;
 - d. Entertainment on the premises or activity in connection with the licensed premises which by its nature causes, creates or contributes to disorder, disobedience to rules, ordinance or laws, or contributes to the disruption of normal activity of those in the neighborhood of the licensed premises.
4. Failure by the Licensee to permit the inspection of the licensed premises by the City's agents or employees in connection with the enforcement of this Ordinance.
5. Failure to pay taxes or make other payments due to the City in a timely manner.

Section 10. CAPACITY LIMITS.

The total capacity of each room of a licensed establishment shall be established and determined by the appropriate Fire and Building Safety Codes.

Section 11. TERMINATION OF ESCROWED LICENSES.

The City Commission may, through resolution, request that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission terminate an on-premises license that has been placed in escrow for more than one (1) year after its expiration.

Section 12. FEES.

Each applicant for a new license or permit, for transfer of an existing license or permit, for expansion of an existing establishment, and for renewal of an existing license or permit shall pay a non-refundable application investigation fee. Each applicant for renewal of a license that was originally established on or before June 30, 2003 shall be exempt from annual renewal fees; all others shall pay an annual review fee. Such fees will be in addition to any fee required by the Liquor Control Commission and shall be set by a City Commission resolution.

Section 13. SEVERABILITY.

If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion of this ordinance, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 14. SAVINGS.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

Section 15. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect."

Section 16. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect Twenty-one (21) days after the final passage thereof.

William S. Graham
Mayor

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: June 5, 2003

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Golden girl

Local gymnast takes top honors at state competition

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Tina Stanton flies through the air, flipping, twisting and turning and then disappears into a sea of soft mats and cushions. A second later, she emerges with a smile.

"Good, good," shouts her gymnastics coach, Pete Roberts, owner of All World Gymnastics in Warren.

She repeats the tumbling exercises several times during the practice session. Each time, she gets stronger. Each time, she seems more focused. Each time, her coach praises her.

"She's here 25 to 30 hours a week practicing," says her mother, Renee Stanton.

The hard practicing paid off for her during Memorial Day weekend. Stanton won the gold medal at the Regional Gymnastics Power Tumbling Meet in Grand Rapids.

To top that performance, she took first place in the vault, first place on the beam, first place on the uneven bars and third place in floor exercise at the Amateur

Athletics Union (AAU) Regional Meet in Kalamazoo. Those performances earned her a gold medal in the all-around at the meet.

"It was probably the best meet of her life," said Roberts. "She's a hard worker and very focused."

Stanton started her gymnastics career when she was 8 years old, bounced around to different gyms and finally decided that All World Gymnastics was the right place for her.

"The coaches, here, are better and a lot nicer," she said.

Her close relationship with her other coach, Tatiana Gutsu, has also paid off. Gutsu, a Russian superstar, brings talent and experience to help coach the students at the gym. She won two gold medals in the 1992 Olympic games in Barcelona, Spain, three European Championship titles and was a two-time World Champion.

However, with her vast knowledge and winning experience, she doesn't take credit for the students doing well. It is up to the students to want to work hard and to



Tina Stanton, center, displays her gold medals from the Regional Gymnastics Power Tumbling meet in Grand Rapids, and from the Amateur Athletics Union Regional Meet in Kalamazoo on May 24 and 25. Coaches Tatiana Gutsu, left, and Pete Roberts accompany her.

want to win, she said.

"Tina and I have a great student coach relationship, very understanding" she said. "Tina is a great student and a hard worker."

The 16-year-old freshman at John Glenn High School is able to keep her grades up despite the amount of time she spends at the gym and the time she spends winning gold medals.

In her spare time, when she has it, she likes to hang out with her friends, she said. She has also started taking karate lessons.

In the future she plans to continue gymnastics on the collegiate level and hopefully go professional.

"Her father and I are very proud," said Renee Stanton. "We stand behind her 100 percent."

Stanton has a busy summer ahead of her with a National Power Tumbling Meet in Sacramento, Cal., and the AAU Junior Olympic Games in Detroit.

"I hope she achieves great goals," said Gutsu, "not only in gymnastics, but goals in life, also."

Senior citizens invited to attend annual free county-sponsored picnic

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is inviting senior citizens living in Wayne County to a free summer picnic.

The picnic is set for 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. June 21 at the Warrendale

picnic site in Hines Park, located on Warren Avenue between Telegraph and Ann Arbor Trail. Wayne County seniors can get their free tickets to the picnic right away.

"The Senior Picnic is a tradition that thousands of senior citizens look forward to and participate in each summer," said Ficano. "It's a fun-filled day for everyone."

The picnic will take place regardless of weather.

Seniors will enjoy lunch along with games such as bingo and wheel of fortune. The picnic also features raffles and entertain-

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